

REMARKS

Status of Claims and Amendment

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11 have been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled.

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to include the recitation “selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic polyisocyanate and an aromatic polyisocyanate”, and the limitations of claim 4 with respect to “A¹”. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification, for instance, at page 3, lines 21-23; page 4, lines 11-23 and page 8, lines 10-14.

In addition, claim 5 has been amended to include the recitation “provided that at least one of n and k is 1 to 8”. Support for this amendment may be found throughout the specification, for instance, at page 5, lines 19-21.

Claims 7 and 10 have been amended to indicate that the treatment agent is “for treating a textile.” Support for these arguments may be found throughout the specification, for instance, at page 11, lines 4-15. Claims 8 and 11 have been amended to indicate positive steps in the claimed methods. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification, for instance, at page 10, lines 14-28.

No new matter has been entered. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the current amendments.

Withdrawal of Restriction Requirement

Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2007.

Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not enabled by the specification. The Office Action asserts that the variable groups I and A¹ are enabled as to the disclosed Examples but not as to other identities.

Applicants respectfully submit that the specification enables one skilled in the art to make and use the compounds of the presently claimed invention. However, to advance prosecution of the present application, the following amendments have been made to further clarify the claimed compounds.

Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to recite that “I” is “a group remaining after an isocyanate group is removed from a polyisocyanate compound selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic polyisocyanate and an aromatic polyisocyanate”, and to incorporate the limitations of claim 4 with regard to “A¹”.

Applicants note that the specification provides sufficient guidance such that a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand from reading the specification, for instance, at least at page 3, lines 21-23 and page 4, lines 11-23, how to make and use the presently claimed fluorine-containing methane compound without undue experimentation.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. The Office Action asserts that the claimed agents allegedly do not set forth any indication of what is being treated such that it is unclear what agents Applicant intends to encompass.

Applicants submit that the claims pending prior to the present amendment clearly define what Applicants consider to be their invention. However, to advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants have made the following amendments to even further define the claimed compounds.

Claims 7 and 10 have been amended to include the recitation “for treating a textile” comprising the composition according to claims 6 and 9, respectively.

Claims 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. The Examiner indicated that the claimed methods did not set forth any steps involved in the method or process.

Claims 8 and 11 have been amended to include the recitation “which comprises treating the textile with the treatment agent” according to claims 7 and 10, respectively.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,624,974 to Onishi et al. (“Onishi”).

The Office Action asserted that the compounds at column 21, lines 7-22 of Onishi are within the scope of claim 5 where the residue D¹ results from the reaction between an acryloyl compound and active hydrogen of a hydroxyl group.

Applicants submit that Onishi does not explicitly or inherently disclose the presently claimed fluorine-containing methane compound. In particular, Applicants note that Onishi does not disclose the fluorine-free group having the suffixes “n” and “k”. Therefore, Onishi does not

teach each and every element of claim 5 and does not anticipate the presently claimed compound.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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